

Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment Overview

Presentation to USEPA and Partner
Agencies

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Overview

- Based on approaches, methods, and assumptions presented in the USEPA-approved Problem Formulation Document (2009) and the Revised RARC
- Consistent with USEPA guidance (1997, 1998, 2002, 2005)

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Assessment Endpoint No. 2:

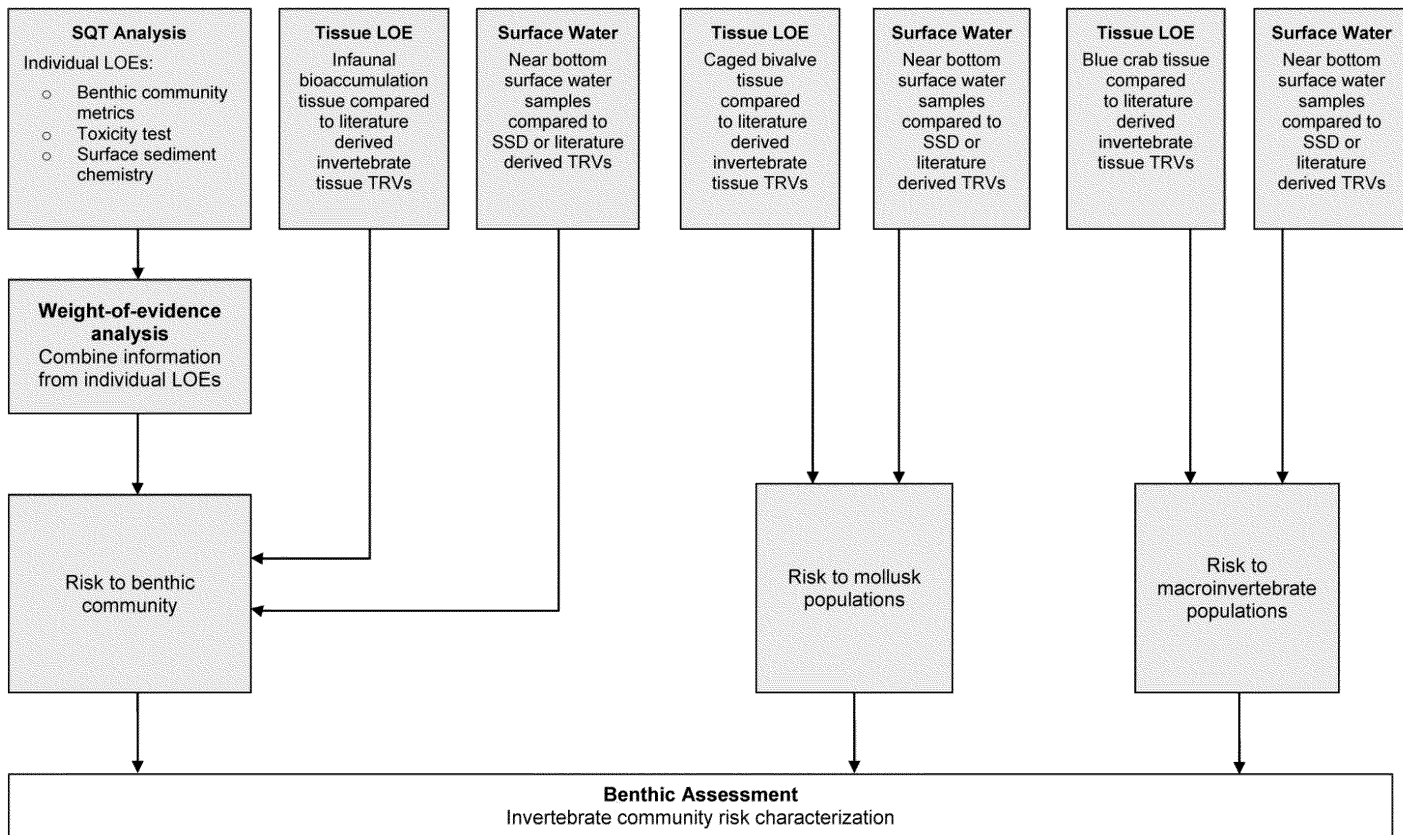
Protection and maintenance (i.e., survival, growth, and reproduction) of the benthic invertebrate community, both as an environmental resource in itself and as one that serves as a forage base for fish and wildlife populations

Assessment Endpoint No. 3:

Protection and maintenance (i.e., survival, growth, and reproduction) of healthy mollusk populations

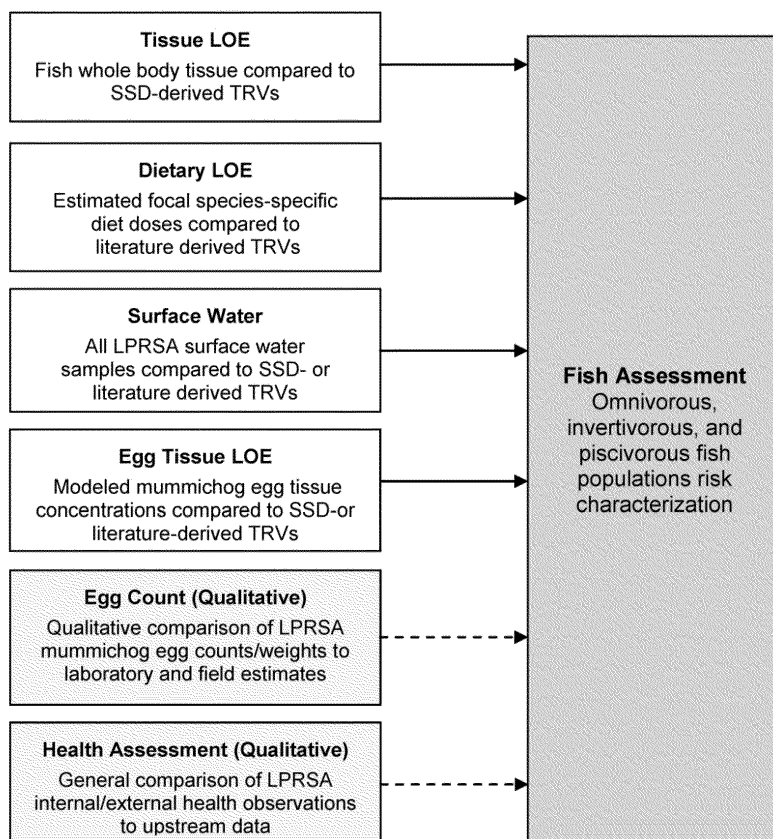
Assessment Endpoint No. 4:

Protection and maintenance (i.e., survival, growth, and reproduction) of healthy populations of blue crab and crayfish that serve as a forage base for fish and wildlife populations and as a base for sports fisheries



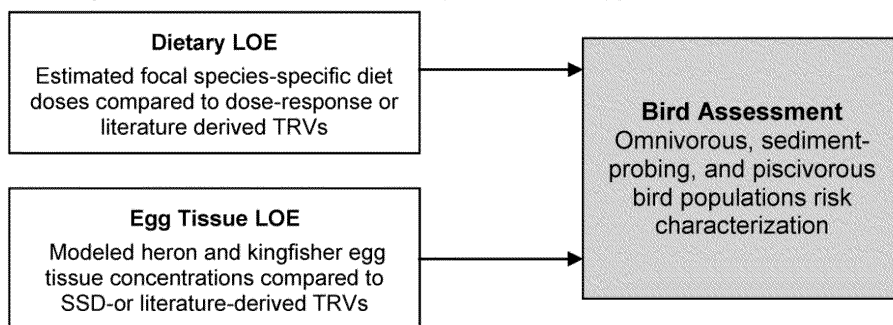
Assessment Endpoint No. 5:

Protection and maintenance (i.e., survival, growth, and reproduction) of omnivorous, invertivorous, and piscivorous fish populations that serve as a forage base for fish and wildlife populations and as a base for sports fisheries



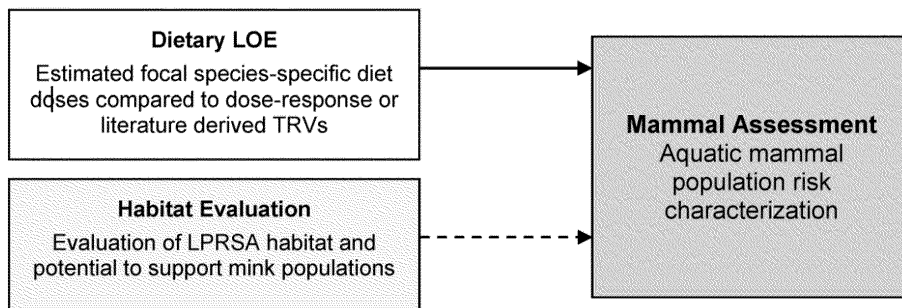
Assessment Endpoint No. 6:

Protection and maintenance (i.e., survival, growth, and reproduction) of herbivorous, omnivorous, sediment-probing, and piscivorous bird populations; use of LPR habitat for breeding used to determine the relative weight for the bird egg measurement endpoint



Assessment Endpoint No. 7:

Protection and maintenance (i.e., survival, growth, and reproduction) of aquatic mammal population



Topics for Next CPG-EPA/PAMeetings

Major receptor group discussions:

- Wildlife ecological risk assessment
- Fish ecological risk assessment
- Benthic ecological risk assessment